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DISPOSAL OF CASES BY VARIOUS COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civil and criminal cases disposed of by various high courts during each of the last three years and till date, State-wise;

(b) the number of civil and criminal cases disposed of by the Supreme Court during the last three years till date;

(c) the steps taken/being taken for early disposal of the pending - cases in the courts;

(d) whether the Government has received suggestions from State Governments regarding disposal of long pending cases in High Courts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a): A Statement indicating the number of civil and criminal cases reported as disposed of by various High Courts during 2004 and 2005 is enclosed. The Registries of the High Courts have been requested to provide the information for 2006 and till date.

(b): The Registry of the Supreme Court has been requested to provide the information.

(c): Time taken in disposal of cases and related aspects are within the exclusive domain of Judiciary. However, the Government have taken the following steps, inter-alia, to facilitate speedy disposal of cases in the courts:-

Reviewing the Judge strength in High Courts from time to time and promptly filling the vacancies.
The term of 1562 Fast Track Courts, which were functional in the States as on 31.3.2005, has been extended for another five years i.e. upto 31.3.2010.
With a view to ensuring speedy disposal of criminal cases, appropriate changes have been made in the Code of Criminal Procedure through Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2005.
Modernization of the judicial infrastructure through computerization of courts.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.